

income in excess of \$1 million and use the increased revenue to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act. **Pages S3564–66, S3583, S3584–85**

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 95), Enzi Amendment No. 497, to establish a 60-vote point of order for legislation that creates unfunded mandates on small business concerns.

Pages S3566–69, S3585

By 29 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 96), Thomas Amendment No. 498, to strike the reserve funds.

Pages S3575–76, S3585–86

By 42 yeas and 53 nays (Vote No. 98), Coleman Amendment No. 577, to provide budget levels to extend through 2012 the production tax credit for electricity produced from renewable resources, the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, and energy tax provisions for energy efficient buildings and power plants.

Pages S3569–70, S3587–88

Withdrawn:

Grassley/Dorgan Amendment No. 464, to limit farm payments to \$250,000 per person per year and apply the savings to renewable energy/rural development, conservation, and nutrition. **Pages S3574–75**

Pending:

Kyl/Thune Amendment No. 583, to reform the death tax by setting the exemption at \$5 million per estate, indexed for inflation, and the top death tax rate at no more than 35% beginning in 2010, to avoid subjecting an estimated 119,200 families, family businesses, and family farms to the death tax each and every year, to promote continued economic growth and job creation, and to make the enhanced teacher deduction permanent.

Pages S3570–72, S3577–82

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007; that there be 30 minutes remaining for debate, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Budget Committee; that when the voting sequence begins, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote in the sequence.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the “Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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Gale W. McGee Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 219, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the “Gale W. McGee Post Office”.

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Lane Evans Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building”.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Public Health Service.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—98)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:42 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3647.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for Air Force military construction, housing, and base realignment

and closure, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of Defense; William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics; Major General Charles V. Ickes, II, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brigadier General Charles D. Ethredge, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 965) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Southern Command, Northern Command, and Joint Forces Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command, and Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; and General Lance L. Smith, USAF, Commander, United States Joint Forces Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation.

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine detention and judicial capacity in Iraq from Joseph Benkert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Security Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, USMC, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and James McAtamney, Counsel to Deputy Attorney General for National Security Affairs, Department of Justice.

MORTGAGE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine causes and consequences relating to mortgage market turmoil, after receiving testimony from Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Emory W. Rushton, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Scott M. Polakoff,

Deputy Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Roger T. Cole, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Joseph A. Smith, Jr., North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, Raleigh, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Laurent Bossard, WMC Mortgage, Burbank, California; Sandor E. Samuels, Countrywide Financial Corporation, Calabasas, California; Brendan McDonagh, HSBC—North America, Prospect Heights, Illinois; Janis Bowdler, National Council of La Raza, Washington, D.C.; L. Andrew Pollock, First Franklin Financial Corporation, San Jose, California; Irv Ackelsberg, Langer and Grogan, P.C., and Jennie Haliburton, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Al Ynigues, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

FAA MODERNIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modernization, focusing on developing and deploying the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) while providing operational and safety enhancements, after receiving testimony from Robert Sturgell, Deputy Administrator, and Charles Leader, Director, Joint Planning and Development Office, both of the Federal Aviation Administration; Susan Fleming, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Karen Lee, UPS Airlines, Louisville, Kentucky.

THE FUTURE OF COAL REPORT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine the “Future of Coal” report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving testimony from John M. Deutch and Ernest J. Moniz, both of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Bryan Hannegan, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine “Keeping America’s Promise” relating to health care and child welfare services for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Venne, Crow Tribe of Indians, Crow Agency, Montana, on behalf of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and Council of Large Land Based Tribes; Valerie Davidson, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Linda Holt,

Suquamish Tribal Council, on behalf of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, and Connie Bear King, National Indian Child Welfare, both of Portland, Oregon.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine deconstructing reconstruction, focusing on problems, challenges, and the way forward in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; David M. Satterfield, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State and Coordinator for Iraq; Major General Ronald L. Johnson, Deputy Chief of Engineers/Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers; and Mark S. Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD/OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to review the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of

the Special Counsel, focusing on the safeguarding of the merit systems principles in preparation for the consideration of the reauthorization of the two agencies, after receiving testimony from Neil McPhie, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board; and Scott J. Bloch, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

INDIAN COUNTRY HOUSING ISSUES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, including loan guarantee and community development programs, after receiving testimony from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Jon Perez, Behavioral Health Consultant, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; George Rivera, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Paul Lumley, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; and Juel Burnette, Wells Fargo Native American Housing Initiatives, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee approved the issuance of subpoenas to Karl Rove, Harriet E. Miers, and William Kelley pursuant to the investigation into the replacement of U.S. Attorneys.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1638–1661; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 97–98; and H. Res. 262 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2956–57

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1401, to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–65, Pt. 1).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 160 noes, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 184.

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District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 1433, amended, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–63 shall be considered as adopted.

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